

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On May 12, 2009, Applicant's representative, Ronald Schoenbaum, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Liu to discuss the non-final Office Action issued in the present application on May 1, 2009. During the interview, Mr. Schoenbaum explained Applicant's position that Mateos (U.S. Pub. 2003/0050995) does not disclose at least the following features of independent claims 1, 18, 27 and 52, and that the anticipation rejections of these claims are therefore improper:

Claim 1: "before the service returns the service data, transmitting to the web browser a first portion of the web page, said first portion including viewable content, and including a placeholder for the requested service data."

Claim 18: "if the service does not return the requested service data within the selected time interval: (a) transmitting at least said portion of the web page to the web browser without the service data, (b) in response to receiving the service data from the service, transmitting the service data to the web browser, and (c) invoking a page update handler which"

Claim 27: "(b) transmitting to the web browser at least a first portion of the web page, said first portion including content that is viewable within the web browser while the service request is pending."

Claim 52: "transmitting to the browser at least a first portion of the web page, said first portion including content that is viewable with the browser while the service request is pending."

Examiner Liu indicated that he will consider these issues upon receiving a formal response. Mr. Schoenbaum and Examiner Liu also discussed possible amendments to the independent method claims to clarify that they are directed to server-side methods.